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SUMMARY. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES SET OUT REF (B) CONSTITUTES
SOUND BASIS FOR CYPRUS POLICY ANALYSIS. SEVERE CUT IN AVAILABLE
USIS RESOURCES WILL MAKE IT ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO CARRY OUT PUBLIC
DIPLOMACY GOAL; THIS WILL BE SERIOUS DETRIMENT TO CYPRUS UNDER-
STANDING AND ACCEPTANCE OF U.S. POLICY. GOAL ON CYPRIOT
SUPPORT FOR U.S. POLICIES ON NORTH-SOUTH ISSUES IS UN-
REALISTIC. END SUMMARY.

1. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES TRANSMITTED REF (B) ARE
WELL-REASONED BASIS FOR ANALYSIS REQUIRED BY REF (A).
THE OBJECTIVES WHICH DESCRIBE HOW U.S. WILL SEEK TO
ACHIEVE GOAL I -- A NEGOTIATED CYPRUS SETTLEMENT
BASED ON AN INDEPENDENT, BIZONAL, FEDERATED REPUBLIC
OF CYPRUS -- ARE COMPREHENSIVE AND REALISTIC. THE NEW
OBJECTIVE TO "ENCOURAGE EXPANDED BILATERAL CONTACTS
WITH BOTH COMMUNITIES IN THE POLITICAL, LABOR, CULTURAL,

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SCIENTIFIC AND SOCIAL FIELDS" IS ESPECIALLY HELPFUL.

2. THE OBJECTIVE TO "MAINTAIN AN ACTIVE USIS PROGRAM-
MING EFFORT ABOUT U.S. POLICIES CONCERNING CYPRUS" IS
A VITAL PART OF OUR PROGRAM TO ACHIEVE THE GOAL OF
A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT. IN LIGHT REF (D) IT IS
SOMEWHAT IRONIC THAT WE HAVE RECENTLY BEEN INFORMED

THAT USIS FSL POSITIONS IN NICOSIA WILL BE REDUCED BY MORE THAN 50 PERCENT (FROM 15 TO 7). CUT OF THIS MAGNITUDE WILL MAKE IT ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO CARRY OUT A VIABLE INFORMATION PROGRAM IN CYPRUS. MISSION OFFERED A COMPROMISE UNDER WHICH USIS LOCAL STAFF WOULD BE REDUCED BY THREE FSL POSITIONS (AND WE COULD IDENTIFY ONE OR TWO MORE POSITIONS WHICH COULD BE RE-LEASED). THIS PROPOSAL WAS REJECTED BY USIA. UNLESS REMEDIAL ACTION CAN BE TAKEN, THIS OBJECTIVE SHOULD BE MODIFIED TO REFLECT REDUCED ASSETS AVAILABLE.

3. NEW GOAL III ON NORTH-SOUTH ISSUES IS ACCEPTABLE TO MISSION BUT DEPT SHOULD REALIZE THAT GOC HAS REPEATEDLY MADE IT CLEAR THAT ITS POSITIONS ON MULTI-LATERAL ISSUES ARE DIRECTLY RELATED TO GOC'S POLICY OF MAXIMIZING INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT FOR ITS POSITION ON CYPRUS ISSUES. WE CANNOT EXPECT GOC SUPPORT FOR U.S. POSITIONS ON NORTH-SOUTH ISSUES WHENEVER THIS WOULD REQUIRE GOC TO OPPOSE THE MAJORITY IN ANY GIVEN FORUM.
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